

25 September 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Support Staff

SUBJECT : Appropriate Office Wearing Apparel for  
Female Employees

1. The Executive Officer, IEG has had several inquiries from female employees whether it would be appropriate for them to wear pant suits to the office. They have noted that female employees of the Geological Survey are now wearing them and they have heard that women at Headquarters are also doing so.

STAT 2. I contacted [ ] in the Office of the Director of Personnel and he indicates that the subject has been discussed with the DCI and Deputy Directors and that there is no objection so long as the attire is in good taste. There will be no official notice on this subject and each Directorate is apparently handling the notification procedure in a different manner. [ ] tells me that the employees of OP/PMCD were advised in a staffing meeting.

STAT 3. [ ] suggested that we would probably want to make some type of verbal announcement from the Office level since individual supervisors may have varying views. I checked with DDI/Admin, however, and the DDI does not plan anything to publicize the fact that pant suits are considered to be appropriate in most situations.

STAT 4. It is recommended that this subject be discussed with the front office and, if they agree, that Mr. Lundahl announce at a staff meeting that he has no objection to female employees wearing pant suits to the office on a discretionary basis.

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Chief, Personnel Branch

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